(a) whether the functioning of the National Medical Library in Delhi is being crippled due to red tape;

(b) whether a large number of books and old journals have Library already gone brittle and yellow; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to improve the functioning of Library?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Functioning of the National Medical Library is periodically reviewed and corrective measures taken for improvement of the Library as and when necessary.

Killing of Army Personnel in Manipur

@1152. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken/likely to be taken against the underground Naga Sangathan 'National Socialist Council of Nagaland' who killed 25 Army personel in Manipur on June 29, 1993;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the actual number of Jawans killed and injured in their attack;

(c) whether any special drive has been launched to pick up underground Naga Guerillas;

(d) if so, the number of rebels/Guerillas caught by the military/administration in the special drive till date; and

(e) what steps would be taken to check underground Naga Guerillas in Manipur and its adjoining areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 27 personnel of 15 Assam Regiment were killed and 24 others were injured in the ambush on June 29, 1993.

The National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN) already stands declared as an Unlawful Association under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 since November 27, 1990. The States of Assam and Manipur, Mon District of Nagaland and Tirap and Changlang Districts of Arunachal Pradesh, 5 km belt along Inod-Mynamar border and 20 km border belt of Assam with the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Meghalaya have been declared as disturbed areas under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958, to facilitate counter insurgency operations by the Central Security Forces.

(c) and (d) Special operations were launched by the security forces against insurgents to nab the culprits involved in the ambush of 29th June, 1993. Five suspects were arrested.

(e) Insurgency situation in the North-East was reviewed on 8th July, 1993 and the Governments of the North-Eastern States were advised to intensify counter-insurgency operations. The Central security agencies are assisting the State Governments in this task.

@ Previously Unstarred Question 575, Transferred from 29th July, 1993.

Abduction Cases in Delhi

1153. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that abduction cases have increased in Delhi in recent months;

(b) if so, what are the details of the cases of abduction cases since January, 1993;

(c) what are the reasons for this increase in abduction cases; and

(d) what measures Government have adopted to check the incidents of abduction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The number of abduction cases during the period from January, 1993 to June, 1993 and corresponding period of the previous year is as under:—

Year	*No. of cases*
1-1-92 to 30-6-92	117
1-1-93 to 30-6-93	84

(c) There has been a decrease in abduction cases during 1993 (upto 30-6-93) as compared to corresponding period of last year.

(d) To check the crime of kidnapping/abduction, kidnappers/abductors and other criminals having previous history are kept under surveillance. Intelligence gathering machinery has also been greared up. Motor-